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E. Mark Braden

BY HAND DELIVERY

Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: *Complaint - Robinson for Congress Committee*

MUR # 6123

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed with this letter is the signed, sworn to and notarized statement of Doug Preisse (Complainant), which clearly recites facts that show specific violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act (Act) by the Robinson for Congress Committee. The sworn statement of the Complainant is sufficient under the Act and the Commission regulations for the opening of a matter under review.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



E. Mark Braden

Enclosure

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I noticed while examining the financial disclosure reports of the Robinson for Congress Campaign (Ohio's 12th Congressional District) the campaign committee accepted illegal campaign contributions amounting to \$8,565 from David Robinson of Worthington, Ohio 43085, now-after referred to as Robinson of Worthington. Robinson of Worthington is not the candidate David W. Robinson of 816 Summit St. Columbus, Ohio 43215. Whereas the acceptable amount for a campaign committee to receive from any single donor in an election cycle is \$2,300, the Robinson for Congress campaign is not in compliance with federal election law.

In the Robinson for Congress July Quarterly Financial Report, the campaign reported the following from Robinson of Worthington:

Date	Amount	Purpose
04/15/08	\$380	In Kind Donation - Website
04/24/08	\$460	In Kind Donation - Website
06/02/08	\$2500	In Kind Donation - Fundraising
n/a	\$5000	Debt/Obligation - Video Production

In the July Quarterly Financial Report \$8,340 is given to the Robinson for Congress campaign by Robinson of Worthington as an in-kind donation or as a loan, exceeding the donation limit established by federal guidelines by \$6,040.

The disbursements of the Robinson for Congress campaign to Robinson of Worthington listed in the July Quarterly Financial Report are as follows:

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The in kind donations to Robinson of Worthington during the July Quarter totaled \$3340, well above the \$2300 limit. Even if the in kind donations were permissible, the \$5000 loan for video production certainly is not. The loan could be considered a donation by Robinson of Worthington until it is paid back.

In the Robinson for Congress October Quarterly Report, the campaign indicated a disbursement to Robinson of Worthington in the amount of \$1,000 for video production on 09/30/08. As indicated on this report, this disbursement by the Robinson Campaign brings the debt owed to Robinson of Worthington to \$4,000. The amount owed still exceeds the legal limits.


The exceeding of allowable campaign contributions by the Robinson Campaign does not stop there. In the Pre-General Financial Report, the Robinson for Congress Committee reports a \$225 disbursement to Robinson of Worthington for postage on 10/10/08 without also reporting a \$225 in kind contribution by Robinson of Worthington. This combined with the \$5,000 initial debt owed to Robinson of Worthington listed on this report, as well as the \$3,340 in initial contributions listed

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above, brings the total amount of money the Robinson for Congress campaign accepted from Robinson of Worthington for the general election cycle to \$8,565.

The amount the Robinson for Congress campaign has accepted from Robinson of Worthington is nearly four times the legal campaign contribution limit. I ask the appropriate actions be taken for the Robinson for Congress campaign to be compliant with federal election law.

Doug Preisse


(signature)

10/29/08
(date)

State of Ohio, County of Fairfield
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 29 day of October, 2008.
Date Commission Expires: July 10, 2012



Molly M. Howarth
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires July 10, 2012

Marilyn Ann Willis
(Signature of Notary Public)

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